

**2026 Irrigation Efficiency Project  
Rebate Rules and Application**  
Effective January 1, 2026



**Program Steps:**

1. Review rebate rules, application form and W9 tax form.
2. Contact Thornton Water Resources staff at 720-977-6600 or [water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:water@ThorntonWater.com) to tell us about your proposed irrigation efficiency improvement project and to verify there are funds available.
  - Examples could include upgrading irrigation components, adding flow sensors, installation of new water-efficient technology, for example a master valve or hydrometer, etc.
3. Schedule a pre-project water efficiency site visit with Water Resources staff to evaluate water efficiency and how the project will increase efficiency.
4. If the project is approved, Thornton staff will send a pre-approval email.
5. Thornton staff will contact you to schedule a post-project inspection.
6. Following inspection and submission of final application and itemized receipt(s), the rebate will be dispersed in the form of Zelle, ACH Deposit, or credit to a city of Thornton utility account. Rebate credits can take up to three months to receive.

**Rebate Program Rules:**

- This program applies to 2025 projects.
- Water Efficiency Project Rebates are available to qualifying non-residential, commercial and HOA water customers of the city of Thornton.
- Participants must have current, non-delinquent city of Thornton water accounts. Sewer-only customers are not eligible.
- Rebates require pre-approval from Water Resources staff.
- Rebates are for NEW equipment only. Used or refurbished equipment does not qualify.
- Total rebate amount is limited to 50% of the project cost.
- Qualifying site must show a reduction of historical water demand once the project is complete.
- The project can be split into phases with funding provided for each phase. The city of Thornton rebate funding will cover 50 percent of the approved project cost, up to \$10,000 per project. If the project is split into phases, the rebate can cover 50 percent of each phase until the maximum of \$10,000 is reached. Project reports and inspections will be required after each phase is completed.

Tax Notice: All commercial rebates require submitting a W-9 form to Thornton. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential under the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

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- A legible, itemized copy of the project receipt(s) must accompany the rebate application. Supporting documentation must include date of purchase, vendor, cost paid, and model information to verify eligibility.
- The site may be subject to inspection by Thornton staff, which will be scheduled prior to the rebate being issued. Final site inspection is required to verify project completion.
- Incomplete applications and those without a copy of the purchase receipt(s) and required photographs will be denied.
- The rebate application information must match the Utility Billing account.
- The business name must match the name on the W9 tax form.
- Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.
- Rebate funding is authorized by the Water Resources Division.
- Water consumption will be monitored to determine if site shows a reduction in water use. If site does not show a reduction, Thornton staff reserves the right to work with participants to figure out why and offer directions to achieve desired savings.

**Applicant Information:**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant organization/entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Thornton Water Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (office): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (Name &amp; phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated water usage per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (Name &amp; phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Information**

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Sq. Ft. of Irrigated Landscape: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this landscape currently irrigated? If so, please describe the current system. If not, please describe the new irrigation system:

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Model of Irrigation Controller(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Zones: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current approximate ratio of turf/plants/hardscape (percentages)?

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Project overview (purpose and need): \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the anticipated water savings following your project's completion? Please show/explain calculations.

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Are you receiving grant funding or rebates through another sources? If so, please explain.

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Anticipated start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated completion date for the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor(s) name, company and contact info, if applicable:

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Project installation cost estimate (please provide copy of estimate/invoice):

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**Project Design** (if applicable)

Attach plans or include a basic sketch below including products, materials, and process improvement details.

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**Please check the following if you agree:**

- ☐ I will provide before and after photos and other requested documentation for the project.
- ☐ I have read the rebate rules.
- ☐ I agree to a post-project inspection by Water Resources staff
- ☐ If this project does not show water savings, I agree to work with the city to figure out why and adjust achieve water savings.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To submit application and documentation or questions:**

Email [Water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:Water@ThorntonWater.com) or call 720-977-6600

**Office Use Only**

Date Application Received: _____	Total Project Costs: _____
Inspection Date: _____	Check Request Amount: _____
Project Area (sq. ft.): _____	Check Request Date: _____
Date Project Approved: _____	
Approved by: _____	

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